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REPORT RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION,
NOTE ACHIEVEMENTS, SHORTCOMINGS

PLAN EXPANSION FOR MOSCOW RR CENTER -- Moskovskaya Pravda, No 5, 24 Feb 50

In 1950, more than 80 kilometers of new electrified railroad lines will be built in the Moscow railroad center. At present, steam traction is being used on the Moscow-Vnukovo section of the Moscow-Kiev System. It is planned to open electric train traffic on this section by the end of the year. Electric train traffic should also begin on the Moscow-Kryukovo section of the October Railroad System by the end of the year. The technical project for these lines has been drawn up, as has a plan for the new Golitsyno-Zvenigorod electrified section of the Western Railroad System.

Vechernyaya Moskva, No 22, 26 Jan 50

Construction of the 16-kilometer Golitsyno-Zvenigorod section will be carried on during the first half of 1950. The stops of Golitsyno, Shkol'naya, Khlyupino, Skorotovo, and Zvenigorod will have 220-meter platforms.

Work has begun on the electrification of the 38-kilometer Moscow-Kryukovo section. The stretch between the Leningradskiy vokzal (station) and Ostankino will be done by workers transferred from the recently finished Elektrozavodskaya station project. The stations of Ostankino, Petrovsko-Razumovskaya, NATI, Post No 2, Khovrino, Levoberezhnaya, Khimki, Planernaya, Podrezkovo, Skhodnya, Firsanovka, and Kryukovo will be equipped with stone platforms and pavilions.

On the Moscow-Vnukovo section, trains leaving the Kiyevskiy vokzal will stop at the stations of Moskva Tovarnaya (Moscow Freight), Matveyevskoye, Ochakovo, Vostryakovo, Sukovo, Peredelkino, Kilometer 21, and Vnukovo.

The new sections will receive Series SR cars made in the Riga Railroad Car Building Plant.

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STATION BUILDINGS COMPLETED, RESTORED, PROJECTED

Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 12, 14 Jan 50

The station building in Pskov has been reconstructed.

Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 20, 24 Jan 50

Construction of a new station building at Zdolbunov station of the Kovel' Railroad System has been completed.

Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 22, 26 Jan 50

The construction of a new station building for Svatovo station of the North Donets Railroad System is being completed.

Pravda, No 11, 11 Jan 50

A new railroad station building has been built in Kokchetav on the Karaganda Railroad System.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 10, 12 Jan 50

Minister of Transportation Beshchev has approved a project for a new passenger station building in Odessa. The building will be erected on the site of the old building, which was destroyed during the war.

DRIVE FOR LARGE DAILY RUNS CONTINUES -- Gudok, No 4, 8 Jan 50

In December, 8,292 locomotive engineers participated in the competition for large average daily locomotive runs. There was some decrease in the number of participants in comparison with November, especially on the North Donets and South Donets railroad systems, where the number in December was 333 less than in November.

On the network as a whole 1,317 locomotive engineers achieved average daily runs of 500 kilometers and more, and 3,142 engineers averaged 400-500 kilometers per day. In addition, 2,170 locomotive crews operating on single-tracked sections fulfilled the norm by 140 percent or more.

A total of 4,066 locomotives operated on the condensed schedule; 111 depots have been switched over completely to the condensed schedule.

On the railroad systems of the Far Eastern Railroad Okrug, with the coming of winter weather, control of train operations was impaired, locomotive turnaround was decelerated, and average daily runs dropped. The movement for average daily runs of 500 kilometers is being handled very unsatisfactorily on the Tomsk, North Donets, South Donets, Ordzhonikidze, Orenburg, and South Ural systems.

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MOSCOW-DONBASS SYSTEM SUCCESSFUL WITH COAL CARRYING -- Gudok, No 1, 1 Jan 50

The Moscow-Donbass Railroad System completed the 1949 year plan for total carloadings, and dispatched almost 2 million tons of Moscow-area coal above plan. All coal-loading divisions of the system exceeded the plan.

In January, the system must dispatch one train of coal more than it did according to the 1949 plan.

On the North Donets Railroad System about one million tons of coal were loaded above the assignment in 1949.

WINTER SLOWS SOME OPERATIONS -- Gudok, No 4, 8 Jan 50

On various sections of the USSR network there are serious interruptions in operations; various lines cannot satisfactorily handle all trains, in places there have been epidemics of delays en route, the established schedule for running time is not being observed, and it is often necessary to hold up trains to correct numerous defects. Various railroad centers, such as Perm', Chelyabinsk, and Bataysk, have slowed up the making up of trains and are hindering the handling of freight car flow.

The heads of the systems, divisions, and railroad centers which are at present experiencing serious delays try to explain these delays by winter weather. Winter conditions certainly exert some influence, but where the administrators prepared concrete measures for operations during the winter, there are no delays and the assignments are met.

Analysis of the operation of those sections of the network which are experiencing difficulties shows that failure to complete the carloading plan and delays in the handling of trains are explained not so much by the winter weather as by grave errors in calculation and mistakes in command, such as incorrect regulation of the delivery of trains to junction points, failure to receive cars from neighboring systems and divisions, slow removal of snow from stations and centers, and failure to meet schedules.

GETS 3 YEARS FOR DELAYING CARS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 38, 21 Feb 50

In the Rioni station, G. A. Tskitishvili, head of the station, caused the dispatching of 22 loaded freight cars to be delayed. A line court of the Transcaucasus Railroad System sentenced Tskitishvili to 3 years' loss of freedom and stripped him of his title of engineer-lieutenant of the traffic.

ORDZHONIKIDZE PLANT'S REPAIR NEEDS IMPROVEMENT -- Gudok, No 3, 6 Jan 50

The Ordzhonikidze Railroad Car Repair Plant imeni Kirov releases tank cars from repair which have defects, thereby threatening traffic safety. In each car released from repair, inspectors find, as a rule, ten or 12 serious defects. However, the plant's administrators are doing nothing to improve the quality of repair and to reduce breakage.

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